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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 7th September, 1954

No. 6(1) T.B./54.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Cotton and Hair Belting Industry on the basis of an inquiry undertaken by it under Section 11(e) read with Sections 13 and 15 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) The existing protective duty of 10½ per cent. *ad valorem* on cotton and hair beltings should be continued for a further period of two years, i.e., upto 31st December, 1956.
- (2) The Textile Commissioner should take suitable steps to make adequate supply of cotton yarn of requisite quality available to the belting industry.
- (3) Belting manufacturers should use indigenous hair yarn to the maximum possible extent and thus encourage the local yarn industry, in order that they may become independent of imports in respect of this essential material within a short period.
- (4) The indigenous Belting Industries Association should take early steps to establish a central inspection board for ensuring strict adherence to standard specifications, collecting statistics of demand in types and sizes of beltings and taking other measures to facilitate marketing.

2. Government accept recommendation (1) and necessary legislation will be undertaken to implement it. They also accept recommendation (2) and steps will be taken to implement it as far as possible.

3. The attention of the industry is drawn to recommendations (3) and (4).

NOTIFICATION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 7th September, 1954

No. 6(1)-T.B./54.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (XXXII of 1934), the Central Government hereby directs that the customs duties leviable under Item No. 50(3) of the First Schedule to the said Act on cotton, hair and canvas ply belting for machinery be raised from 10 per cent. to 10½ per cent. *ad valorem*.

L. K. JHA, Jt. Secy.

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 7th September, 1954

No. 12(3) T.B./54.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Cocoa Powder and Chocolate Industry on the basis of an enquiry undertaken by it under Sections 11(e) and 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) The import duty on cocoa powder should be maintained at the existing rate of 31½ per cent. *ad valorem* (including surcharge). As regards covering chocolate, the protective duty should be raised to 50 per cent. *ad valorem* (including surcharge) with immediate effect. These rates of duties should remain in force till 31st December, 1956.
- (2) Cocoa beans should continue to be exempt from payment of import duty.
- (3) Government should consider the desirability of placing cocoa beans on Open General Licence.
- (4) Sathe Biscuit & Chocolate Co. should make further efforts to improve the keeping quality of their products.
- (5) The Sathe Biscuit & Chocolate Co. Ltd. should take steps to expand their production of cocoa butter with a view to meeting the entire domestic requirements.

2. Government accept recommendation No. (1) and will take steps in due course to continue the protection granted to the industry for a further period of two years. The rate of protective duty on covering chocolate will also be increased with immediate effect as recommended by the Commission. Necessary Notifications have been issued to-day. As regards recommendation Nos. (2) and (3), Cocoa beans are already free of import duty and Government will take suitable steps to ensure the adequate availability of cocoa beans to the industry.

3. The attention of the Industry is invited to recommendations (4) and (5).

NOTIFICATION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 7th September, 1954

No. 12(3) T.B./54.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (XXXII of 1934), the Central Government hereby directs that the customs duties leviable under item number 18 of the First Schedule to the said Act on cocoa and chocolate other than confectionery, as specified in the second column of the Table annexed hereto, shall be modified as indicated in the third column of the said Table.

TABLE

Item Number of Tariff	Name of article	Modified rate of duty
(1)	(2)	(3)
18	Cocoa and chocolate other than confectionery—	
	(a) Cocoa Powder	31½ per cent. <i>ad valorem</i> .
	(b) Chocolate other than con- fectionery	50 per cent. <i>ad valorem</i>

K. B. LALL, Jt. Secy.

